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**NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2022**

**WEEKLY DIARY**

**Playgroup on Easter Holidays**

Monday 11 April	9.00 am – 3.30 pm 4.30 – 5.30 pm	Alixandra Dance Musical Theatre Workshop in the rear Hall Rear Hall: Private Booking
Tuesday 12 April	9.00 am – 3.30 pm 4.30 - 7.30 pm	Alixandra Dance Musical Theatre Workshop Cosmic Theatre School meet in the Hall
Wednesday 13 April	9.00 am – 3.30 pm	Alixandra Dance Musical Theatre Workshop
Thursday 14 April	9.00 am – 3.30 pm	Alixandra Dance Musical Theatre Workshop
Good Friday 15 April	12 noon	Good Friday Service led by Rev Sandra Marshall followed by Lent Lunch in the rear Hall
Saturday 16 April	2.00 pm	Crochet and Craft
Sunday 17 April	10.15 am	Angela Latham Coffee: Tilly

As Covid restrictions are now lifted our Church Council is advising that you continue to wear a mask while moving around in Church - this now is a personal choice, but we urge you to think of the health and safety of others. If you are unwell or have the symptoms of Covid -19, varied though they are, you are asked to stay at home and isolate.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Good Friday 15 April	12 noon	Good Friday Service lead by Rev Sandra Marshall followed by Frugal Lunch
Easter Sunday Sunday 17 April	10.15 am	Angela Latham Coffee: Tilly
Sunday 24 April	10.15 am	Roger Latham Coffee: Heather
Sunday 1 May	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall - Sacrament Coffee:
Sunday 8 May	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee:
Sunday 15 May	10.15 am	Colin Lamb Coffee:

Sunday 22 May	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee:
Sunday 29 May	10.15 am	Circuit Service at Trinity Methodist Church

As you can see, there are still blanks on the Coffee Rota for next month and beyond – if you feel that you could help in this way then please have a word with Mike.

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12<sup>TH</sup> Church is streamed every Sunday morning at 10.45 am on Facebook

Sunday 10 April	Emma Lowe
Sunday 17 April	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 24 April	Liz and Rob Newton
Sunday 1 May	Emma Lowe
Sunday 8 May	Karen Wormald
Sunday 15 May	Eleri Bristow
Sunday 22 May	John Pipet
Sunday 29 May	Rev Andrew Lomax

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### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BRIAN REEVES

The funeral service for Brian Reeves will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 11.45 am at Loughborough Crematorium in accordance with his wishes. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

At the recent Stewards' Meeting it was agreed that the pot for donations for Sunday morning coffee would be reinstated. A charity for the year will be chosen at the Annual General Meeting in May but donations this Sunday will be sent to All We Can Ukraine appeal.

**YOUR PRAYERS** are asked this week for the family and friends of Frances Lowe who passed away last Tuesday after a short stay in Leicester Royal Infirmary. Her daughter sent this message:

“Mum really enjoyed the social events at your church and will have many friends amongst your members. Please can you pass on the following information to the Church community and anyone else who may be interested...

Mum's memorial service will be held at 2.30 pm on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Barrow upon Soar Baptist Church. Followed by refreshments to which all are invited. Dress code: bright colours as she disliked black. It would be lovely if you could be there to help us celebrate her life, but we understand if it's not possible Frances' granddaughter Liz has set up a Just Giving account for charity in lieu of flowers, if you are interested. Can you help Liz Fowler raise £500 to PBC (Primary Biliary Cholangitis) Foundation and Barrow Good Neighbours Scheme. Please donate to their JustGiving Crowdfunding Page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/franceslowe?utm\\_term=XPZv3jbyq](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/franceslowe?utm_term=XPZv3jbyq)

Much love and all hope for a bright future, Jacqui Fowler “

Our love goes to all the family.

### YOU ARE INVITED

To St Bartholomew's Church, Quorn on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm for a Concert for Ukraine. Tickets can be purchased from St Bartholomew's, The Old School Tea Rooms or Bradleys on Station Road priced £10 which includes a glass of wine or juice. All proceeds are for the Red Cross Ukrainian Crisis Appeal

### A reflection from Adrian

On the sixth Sunday of Lent the theme changes, from the objects of pain which caused Jesus' suffering, to a branch of palm that reminds us of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of what we call Holy Week. For a final reflection this week I invite you to imagine you were there in Jerusalem to witness the scene as we read this child's view of Jerusalem that Sue wrote a few years ago. The picture was taken at the Palm Sunday procession in Benecassim in Spain in 2009.

We had looked forward to our trip to Jerusalem for months. Mum and Dad had saved hard. It took us several days but at last we reached the Holy City. It was so beautiful and there were many, many people. Everyone was happy and excited. There was colour everywhere and music and laughter. It was festival time, and everyone was enjoying themselves.



Then, one morning, something special happened. We were walking along a main street when people started getting excited. There was pointing and pushing, everyone wanting to see. A procession was making its way along the road. Mum and Dad pushed us through the crowds so that we could be close to the road. We found ourselves with lots of other children, all of them eager to see. I expected another Army Parade, with a Roman general riding his big white charger flanked by armed guards looking proud and fierce. It was nothing like that!

Instead, I saw a man riding a donkey and people around him walking, some even dancing, and children too, hundreds of them, and they were waving palm branches. And something else; there were men and women running ahead of the donkey to place their cloaks in the road for the donkey to ride over.

I still remember the feeling of excitement and joy that swept over me. This was different. And at the centre of everything was this man. He seemed so strong and gentle; he didn't look around like the Roman generals did. And yet as he came closer and looked at us, I had the feeling that he was looking straight at me, that he knew me. When he looked at me, I forgot everything. I forgot about Mum and Dad, and I forgot I was in a strange city. I rushed out with all the other children. From somewhere I found a palm branch and I waved it, and shouted with all the others, Hosanna! I have never been so happy and excited in all my life.

I knew that something very special was happening, and I was part of it. I shall never forget that day. What happened then will be part of me for the rest of my life. As I saw that man Jesus riding on the donkey surrounded by those people. Somehow, I knew that he was coming for all people, for everyone, and that included me, a child.

And something else... I also knew that what he was doing was right. He wasn't strong, or proud, and he wasn't powerful, and I knew that what he was doing was going to cost him. But I knew it was right. I couldn't explain it then, and I can't explain it now. I just know. Just like any child. All the children with me that day, we knew, and because of that, we ran, and we danced, and we sang Hosannas, and we waved our palm branches. I was glad I was in Jerusalem, that day, for just that.

As we go into Holy Week in 2021, I pray that you may know that, just like our imaginary little girl, Jesus came for all people, including you. May we look forward to celebrating again this Easter Day the glory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

God blesses us all!  
Adrian.

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## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" – please grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

## METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER FOR TODAY

We praise you, God, who came to us in your word, for the richness of language, dialect and idiom. Thank you for the ability to learn and use language – both mother-tongue and others – and for how living a new language leads to deeper understanding of ourselves, others and you. Above all, we rejoice in the language of your love, beyond words. Amen.

